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Upon the organization of the Florida Historical Society in November of 1902, all turned to Major Fairbanks as its proper head and he was unanimously chosen president, holding such position to the time of his death.

His name, influence and energies were potent factors in the success which the Society has attained, and his memory will ever be an inspiration to those who labor in the fields of Florida's history and for Florida's prosperity.

Report of President F. P. Fleming to the Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society, Held November 19th, 1907.

Gentlemen of the Florida Historical Society—It gives me pleasure to again greet you on this occasion of the annual meeting of the society. Though we have failed to accomplish within the past year all that we had hoped, much has been done to encourage us in the work which promises so much for our State. At the time of our last meeting, as then reported, we were in debt considerably more than the small balance in the treasury. By securing six life members, paying \$50 each and collecting all but a small portion of the annual dues of members, we have been enabled to pay off all indebtedness, and, by the employment of an assistant to the secretary, to keep the room of the society open during the year for three days in each week and to add, by purchase, to our collection of literature, with a balance in the treasury of \$86.79.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting, a neat pamphlet, containing the report of the president, the constitution and by-laws of the society and a list of membership, was published, which has been sent to all members and many others in the state.

A great effort was made to get some state aid for the society through a small appropriation by the last legislature. I prepared a bill for that purpose, which I placed in the hands of the senator and a member of the house from this county, whom I personally interviewed on the subject. I also wrote, asking the influ-

ence of members of the society outside of this city. Unfortunately a serious illness prevented my presence at Tallahassee during the session and such further explanation before the house committee as, I am inclined to think, would have secured a favorable report. The bill was reported unfavorably by that committee and, though it passed the senate unanimously, was lost in the house by a majority of three. I still hope that the next legislature will provide some aid for our work which, with our small means, has already accomplished so much in the interest of Florida.

Since our last meeting we have added thirty-six volumes on Florida to our collection, most of them by purchase, besides a number of pamphlets, maps, documents, etc., and photographs of prominent state officials, also a group of the signers of the ordinance of secession of the state of Florida, donated by Miss Minnie Sanderson, daughter of Col. John P. Sanderson, one of the signers.

I make special mention of an interesting relic which tells a sad story of the past, when it was customary to settle personal difficulties by a meeting in accordance with the code of honor, which not infrequently ended in tragedy. I refer to the rifle used by Gen. Leigh Reid in a duel with Col. Augustus Alston, near Tallahassee, just across the Georgia line, in 1840, which resulted in the unfortunate death of Col. Alston. By reason of the prominence of the parties engaged (both residents of Florida) and the fatal result, this was one of the noted duels which marked the history of our country during the first half of the nineteenth century. This rifle was the property of Dr. Edward Bradford, who acted as the second of Gen. Reid, and was kindly donated to the society by his grandson, Mr. Edward Bradford Eppes of Tallahassee.

I would also make special mention of a most valuable donation, among others, by Miss Caroline Mays Brevard of Tallahassee, being the commission of her grandfather, Gen. Richard K. Call, as territorial governor of Florida, under date of March 19, 1841. This interesting document, on parchment, bears the signature of W. H. Harrison, president of the United States, and Daniel Webster, secretary of State. Gov. Call had before held the position of governor of the Territory of Florida. During his incumbency, on November 21, 1836, he com-

maned the troops which engaged and defeated the hostile Seminoles, in the battle of Wahoo Swamp, one of the important battles of that seven years' bloody struggle with the Florida Indians.

I append to this report a list of our collections within the year.* Such additions, together with those formerly reported, constitute a collection of rare value and a great interest to all who feel a pride in our beautiful state, rich in its romantic, tragic and industrial history.

We are under obligations for donations to the society during the year to Mr. Clarence B. Moore of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, who for a number of years has made extensive investigation of Florida Indian mounds; the Peabody Academy of Salem, Mass., Mr. A. E. Phillips of Sanford, Mr. J. Y. Detwiler of New Smyrna, Gen. Fred L. Robertson of Tallahassee, Mr. Edward B. Eppes and Miss Caroline M. Brevard of Tallahassee, the Smithsonian Institution, Washington; Mr. Samuel A. Swann of Fernandina, Mr. Julian C. Yonge of Pensacola, the Florida Times-Union, Mr. T. Tipping, Miss Minnie Sanderson and Miss F. Irene Bacon of Jacksonville. I have also had the pleasure of contributing somewhat to our collection.

We have recently added an appropriate show case for the display of relics.

I urge upon each member of our society, as well as other friends throughout the state, to make an effort to procure additions to our collections. I know, by my own experience, how much can be accomplished by personal effort in obtaining literature and relics. Remember that nothing pertaining to Florida is too insignificant to be gratefully received.

Under a resolution of the Board of Directors adopted August 19, last, I have investigated a proposed work on Florida to be published by a well known southern publisher, which will treat specially of the various industries of the state and its political history, containing also biographical sketches of prominent Floridians. From the standing of the gentlemen connected with the proposed publication, the character and scope of the work itself, and the fact that it is in the direct line of the objects of this society and will be a valuable addition to the literature on Florida, I have commended the work and by

*The collections for the past year are not published herewith separately, but are included in the list of all collections.

authority of the directors have entered into an agreement with those engaged in the work authorizing them, upon terms agreed upon, to procure new members for the society.

I regret to have to report only two additions to our membership during the year. It is very important to increase our membership, as the dues of members is our only source of income. I, therefore, recommend and urge upon each member to secure at least one new member for the society. We have been unable to avail ourselves of the opportunity to purchase certain old works on Florida, out of print, for lack of funds; the same reason has so far prevented us from publishing a periodical which would add greatly to the interest in and the usefulness of the society. We are hoping, however, that we will be able to commence such publication in January, next, but can give no assurance to that effect.

The success of the society so far, with the small means at our command, is most encouraging. Let us enter upon the coming year with a determination to make an earnest and united effort to promote in every way the interesting and most useful work in which we are engaged.

CATALOGUE OF COLLECTIONS.

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

- La Florida del Ynca (Spanish), 1605, De la Vega.
- Histoire de la Floride (French), 1735, De la Vega.
- Hakluyt's Voyages, 1600, Hakluyt.
- The Letters of Dr. Diego Alveres Chanca, 1494.
- Relating to the second voyage of Columbus to America, 1907, A. M. Fernandez de Ybarra.
- Life and Adventures of Hernando DeSoto, 1858, Wilmer.
- Conquest of Florida, 1835, Irving.
- DeSoto in the Land of Flowers, 1899, Grace King.
- The Spanish Settlements In the United States, 1513-1674, two volumes, Lowrey.
- The Unwritten History of Old St. Augustine. Copies of letters and papers in archives in Seville.
- St. Augustine, Fla., 1869. By an English visitor.
- History of St. Augustine, Fairbanks.
- History of St. Augustine, 1881, Dewhurst.

- Sketches of St. Augustine, 1849, Sewall.
 Bartram's Travels, 1792, Bartram.
 The Lily and the Totem, or the Huguenots in Florida, 1562-1570. W. Gilmore Simms.
 Story of the Huguenots, 1898, Mann.
 New France, 1900, Charlevoix.
 Sketches of the Floridas, 1821, Forbes.
 The Florida Peninsula, 1859, Brinton.
 History of Florida, 1904, Fairbanks.
 School History of Florida, 1904, Green.
 History of Florida, 1904, Brevard.
 Memoirs of Florida, 1902, Rerick.
 Colonial Florida, 1892, Campbell.
 Florida History, Topography, Climate, Soil, Etc., 1904, McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture.
 Memoir, Geography and Natural and Civil History of Florida, Darby.
 The Purchase of Florida, 1776-1819, Fuller.
 Florida Climate, Scenery, etc., 1876, Lanier.
 Florida for Tourists, Invalids and Settlers, 1883, G. M. Barbour.
 Message from the President of the United States in Relation to the Seminole War, 1818.
 Correspondence Between Gen. Andrew Jackson and John C. Calhoun, President and Vice President, on the Occurrences In the Seminole War, 1831.
 Examination of the conduct of the President Upon the Invasion of the Spanish Territory of West Florida, 1811, Lowell.
 Message from the President of the United States, with report and documents relative to the boundary line between the United States and east and west Florida, 1787.
 The Florida War, 1848, Sprague.
 The Exiles of Florida, 1858, Giddings.
 The War in Florida, 1836, Staff Officer.
 Notices of Florida and the Campaigns, 1836, Cohen.
 Executive Document, Twenty-fifth Congress, Court of Inquiry, Operations in Florida, 1838.
 Red Patriots, Story of the Seminoles, 1898, Coe.
 The Seminoles of Florida, 1896, Wilson.
 Report of Senate Committee on Memorial of Dr. Henry Perrine, 1838.
 Eventful Years, with Account of Massacre on Indian Key, Perrine.

Report of Committee on Investigation of the Location of the Capitol at Tallahassee, 1823.

Gov. Duval's Message to the Territorial Council, 1824, First at the present capitol.

Branded Hand, trial and imprisonment of Jonathan Walker of Pensacola, Fla., 1850.

Commission of Territorial Governor, Richard K. Call, 1841.

Letter of Gen. R. K. Call, February 12, 1861, on Union Slavery-Secession.

Address of Gov. R. K. Call on Mount Vernon, June 24, 1859.

Letters of notification and Acceptance of Gen. R. K. Call of nomination as candidate for governor of Florida, 1845.

Journal of the Secession Convention of Florida, 1861.

Silk Culture, Mrs. Ellen Call Long.

The Florida Troops in Virginia, 1881, Fleming.

Dickison and His Men, 1890, Dickison.

Soldiers of Florida, Robertson.

Life of Albert J. Russell, 1897, Russell.

Carpet-Bag Rule in Florida, 1888, Wallace.

Why the South is Solid, 1890, Pasco and others.

Messages and Documents, Florida 1889, 1891, 1893, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905.,

Message of Gov. Harrison Reed, 1872.

Various Department Reports, Florida.

Minutes of Trustees of I. I. Fund of Florida, Five Volumes.

Sand Mounds of St. Johns River, 1894, Moore.

Certain Aboriginal Remains of the Northwest Florida Coast. Parts 1 and 2, 1901, Clarence B. Moore.

Certain Aboriginal Remains of the Black Water River, etc., Miscellaneous.

Investigations in Florida, 1905, Clarence B. Moore.

Antiquities of the Florida West Coast, 1900, Clarence B. Moore.

Certain Aboriginal Mounds of the Central Florida West Coast, 1903, Clarence B. Moore.

Moundville Revisited; Crystal River Revisited, etc., 1894, Clarence B. Moore.

Special Editions Florida Newspapers, 2 volumes.

Certain Shell Heaps of the St. Johns River, Florida, 1894, Clarence B. Moore.

Miscellaneous Papers Relating to Anthropology, 1882.

Discussion as to Copper from the Mounds, 1903.

Observations of a Gold Ornament from a Mound In Florida, 1878, Charles Rau.

Notes of Florida Reference to Howgate Grant, on Lake George, 1881.

The Florida Wilds, Alberton.

Camp Life in Florida, 1876, Hallock.

Camping and Cruising in Florida, 1888, James A. Henshall, M. D.

Hunting and Fishing in Florida, Cory.

When, Where and How to Catch Fish on the East Coast of Florida, Gregg.

Across the Everglades, Willoughby.

In Biscayne Bay, 1891, Caroline B. Rockwood.

A Florida Farm, 1903, Frederick Whitmore.

Acres of Ashes, 1901, B. Harrison.

Many Pamphlets on Florida, Historic, Descriptive, etc.

MAPS.

Spanish Map of Fernandina, 1811.

Map La Florida, Hieron Chiaues, 1584.

Map Floridae Americae, Icobo le Moyne, 1594.

Map Occidentalis Americae, Theodoro de Bry Leod, 1594.

Map Virginia et Floridae, J. Jansson, 1653.

Map Florida, H. Moll, 1728.

Map Southern Florida, old, no date.

Many modern maps of Florida to 1903.

RELICS.

Fragments of bronze candlesticks found at ruins of old Spanish mission near New Smyrna. One restored.

Old Spanish bell, 1758, found in pond in Madison county, in 1840.

Section of live oak taken from center of masonry near Old Rock House, supposed to be the foundation of the traverse of a gun to command the entrance to New Smyrna inlet.

Name board of filibuster steamer, Commodore, sunk off coast of Florida.

Gold dollar coined at private mint of A. Brechter, Rutherford county, N. C., about 1843.

Grating of stamp window old Jacksonville post-office.

Old and Recent Maps of Pensacola.

Rifle used by Gen. Leigh Reid in duel with Col. Augustus Alston.

Old axes found in Turnbull Hammock.

Impression of old seal of the State of Florida.

Indian Relics—Stone pipes, hatchets, chisels, spear and arrow heads, pottery, etc.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Major George R. Fairbanks, Senator D. L. Yulee, Judge J. M. Baker, Judge B. M. Pearson, Gov. N. B. Broward, former Govs. W. D. Bloxham and F. P. Fleming, Mr. H. M. Flagler and Mr. George W. Wilson.

Hons. P. W. White, S. M. Sparkman, W. A. Hocker, W. S. Bullock, Gen. Robert Bullock, Florida House of Representatives of 1907, Signers of the Ordinance of Secession, River Front of Fernandina. Ruins of Old Spanish Mission, New Smyrna, Ruins of Old Rock House, New Smyrna, Old Stereoscopic views of St. Augustine, Jacksonville and other localities.

ORIGIN OF THE SHELL MOUNDS.

BY J. Y. DETWILER, FLORIDA FISH COMMISSIONER.

Modern methods of traveling and the corresponding number of travelers, permitting easy access to all parts of the civilized world; and especially throughout the United States, cause many persons to spend their winters in a semi-tropical climate, thereby combining the opportunity to escape the rigor of winter and secure that change of climate conducive to health and happiness. To entertain this vast concourse of people, whose dispositions and tastes vary almost as much as their personal appearance, is no small matter. For the success of each city or locality, in obtaining its proportion of tourists is in proportion to their being properly and satisfactorily entertained. Time, unless satisfactorily occupied by the individual, hangs heavily on his hands, and a change is made for the better, the first available opportunity. The first questions arising in regard to a given locality are its accessibility, its living accommodations and its opportunities for enjoyment.

Hunting, fishing and sight-seeing are among the